

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5, 9-10, 12-29, 32-41, 46-50, 52-66, and 68-79 are pending in the application.

Claims 32, 65, 66 and 78 are amended. Claim 79 is added.

II. Claim Objections

Claim 78 has been objected to due to a grammatical error. Claim 78 has been amended accordingly. Claim 32, upon which claim 78 depends, has been amended in similar manner.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 65 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, as being allegedly indefinite. In particular, the Examiner has asserted that it is “unclear how the second indicators can be different from the corresponding information segments and first indicators if the second indicators are selected from the plurality of information segments represented by the displayed first indicators.” The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Referring to the example of Fig. 2 of the present application, three news segments are selected from a database containing a plurality of news segments, and are represented in the middle of the page 200 by first “indicators” - the news story blocks 230, 245 and 260. *Also see* page 8-10, for example. Accordingly, claim 65 recites “displaying, in a first region of a first page shown on a display device, a plurality of first indicators each representative of a respective one of a plurality of information segments selected from a database.”

The user can select one or more of the new segments represented by the news story blocks 230, 245, 260 and add the selected news segments to the video “cart” 280, shown on the

right side of the page 200. Each news segment that is selected for inclusion in the video cart 280 is represented within the cart by a second “indicator” such as the term “Video Clip 1,” as shown in Fig. 2. The “second indicators” are clearly different from the “first indicators” and from the news segments themselves. Accordingly, claim 65 recites “receiving from the user selections of individual information segments from among the plurality of information segments represented by the displayed first indicators, each of the user selected information segments being represented by respective second indicators, the second indicators being different from the corresponding information segments and first indicators,” and “displaying simultaneously with at least one of the plurality of first indicators, in a second region of the first page different from the first region, a list comprising the second indicators corresponding to the user selected information segments, in response to the selection of each individual information segment, the second indicators being displayed in a sequence within the list corresponding to an order in which the information segments are selected.”

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 65, 75 and 76 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,452,609 (“Katinsky”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 65

Independent claim 65 defines a method for presenting to a user media segments in an order selected by the user. Claim 65 requires, among other limitations, “displaying, in a first region of a first page shown on a display device, a plurality of first indicators each representative of a respective one of a plurality of information segments selected from a database” and

“displaying simultaneously with at least one of the plurality of first indicators, in a second region of the first page different from the first region, a list comprising the second indicators corresponding to the user selected information segments, in response to the selection of each individual information segment, the second indicators being displayed in a sequence within the list corresponding to an order in which the information segments are selected.” Claim 65 further requires “displaying, on a second page shown on the display device, one or more additional first indicators each representative of a respective one of the plurality of information segments,” and has been amended to require “displaying the list including the selected second indicators on the second page simultaneously with the one or more additional first indicators,” and “allowing the user to select at least one additional information segment represented by the one or more additional first indicators.”

Katinsky discloses a web page containing a player for playing media objects, and a sequencer displaying a play list which has an order in which media objects are played by the player. (Abstract). A media icon access panel displays a series of subject matter tabs, one or more of which a user can select to browse media icons related to the selected subject. (Col. 4, lines 26-33; Fig. 1). When a subject matter tab is selected, the top level of a hierarchical outline appears containing bulleted items. (Col. 4, lines 26-33). (The outline is presumably predetermined and pre-stored in memory. The precise manner in which the outline is generated is not described.) Clicking the text of a bulleted item causes the next level of the outline to appear within the media icon access panel. (Col. 4, lines 37-45). Clicking on a bulleted item in a sublist causes the next lower level of the outline to be displayed. (Col. 4, lines 37-45). The lowest level of the outline includes a list of media icons each representing a media object. (Col.

4, lines 50-56). Each media icon comprises a graphic icon and text to explain the content of the media object. (Col. 4, lines 50-56).

A user can create a play list of media icons by dragging media icons from the hierarchical outline in the media icon access panel into a play list box displayed on the web page. (Col. 5, lines 1-8; Fig. 3A). The user can modify the order of media icons in the play list by dragging the media icon copy inside the play list box. (Col. 5, lines 16-20).

Katinsky does not teach or suggest “displaying, on a second page shown on the display device, one or more additional first indicators each representative of a respective one of the plurality of information segments,” as required by amended claim 65. Katinsky does not teach or suggest a second page at all. Moreover, a second page is not needed in Katinsky because the search results in Katinsky comprise an outline that may be scrolled, without changing the page.

Katinsky also does not teach or suggest “displaying the list including the selected second indicators on the second page simultaneously with the one or more additional first indicators,” as required by amended claim 65. While Katinsky discloses allowing a user to create new “play lists,” as discussed at col. 5, lines 35-54, and as shown in Figs. 6A-6B, the new play lists are created in a new play list box that is displayed on the same page on which the “hierarchical outline” is displayed. The new play list box of Katinsky does not constitute a “second page,” as claimed.

In one example, the first indicators and the additional first indicators may be search results displayed on multiple pages. It would be advantageous to display the claimed “list” on a “second page” simultaneously with the “additional first indicators” to allow the user to continue to add indicators corresponding to selected search results to the list, for example.

Because Katinsky does not teach or suggest allowing a user to create the claimed “list” on a first page and then displaying the list and the claimed “additional first indicators” on a “second page,” Katinsky cannot teach or suggest “allowing the user to select at least one additional information segment represented by the one or more additional first indicators” or “displaying, within the list, at least one additional second indicator corresponding to the at least one selected additional information segment,” as claimed.

For the same reason, Katinsky cannot teach or suggest “allowing the user to select an indicator from among the second indicators and the at least one additional second indicator in the list and change the position of the selected indicator with respect to the other second indicators and additional second indicators in the sequence,” as required by amended claim 65. As stated above, this feature is advantageous since it enables a user to scroll through multiple pages of search results and continue to view, and add to, a list of selected information segments. Therefore, amended claim 65 is not anticipated by Katinsky.

None of the other cited art teaches or suggests the combination of claim 65, either. Therefore, claim 65 is patentable over the cited art.

Claims 75-76

Claims 75-76 depend from claim 65. For the reasons set forth above, claim 65 is patentable over the cited art. The reasons provided above are also applicable to claims 75-76.

In addition, Katinsky does not teach or suggest generating a play list on a “third page” shown on a display device, as required by claim 75. As stated above, Katinsky allows a user to create a play list on the same page on which the “outline” is displayed. There is no “second”

page, nor any “third” page. Therefore, claims 75-76, which depend from claim 65, are also patentable over the cited art.

V. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-3, 9, 10, 12-15, 19-22, 25-29, 32-41, 46-48, 52-56, 60-64, 66, 68-74, and 77-78 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Katinsky in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,222,163 (“Girouard”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Katinsky is discussed above. Girouard discloses a system and method for providing a video delivery service over a network. In a disclosed example, cited by the Examiner, a user accesses a search form on a web page. (Col. 13, lines 15-16). The user issues a query to search for a video by typing in a keyword (or keywords). (Col. 13, lines 19-20). A server identifies video clips matching the query. (Col. 13, lines 22-24). Query results are presented to the user on a portion of a new web page consisting of metadata elements of each retrieved video clip. (Col. 13, lines 24-30). The user may access one or more of the displayed videos by selecting a link in the search results web page. (Col. 13, lines 37-39).

Claim 1

Independent claim 1 defines a method for providing a user with media segments in an order selected by the user. Claim 1 requires “storing a first plurality of information segments in a database,” “displaying, in a first region of a display device, a plurality of first indicators each representative of a respective one of a second plurality of information segments selected from the first plurality of stored information segments,” and “allowing the user to select information segments from among the information segments represented by the displayed first indicators.”

Claim 1 also requires “displaying in a second region of the display device different from the first region, second indicators representing respective information segments selected by a user” and “allowing the user to play any one of the respective information segments represented by a corresponding second indicator in the second region.” Claim 1 further requires “allowing the user to select a plurality of the second indicators for placement into a third region different from the second region,” “displaying in a sequence, in the third region, third indicators corresponding to the selected second indicators,” and “allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the third indicators displayed in the third region to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented to the user.”

The Examiner asserts that Girouard discloses “displaying in a second region of the display device different from the first region, second indicators representing respective information segments selected by a user” and “allowing the user to play any one of the respective information segments represented by a corresponding second indicator in the second region,” as required by claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect, and that Girouard does not teach or suggest either of these limitations.

While the “first indicators” recited in claim 1 may comprise search results, the claimed “second indicators” are not merely search results. The claimed “second indicators” specifically represent “respective information segments selected by a user.” (Emphasis added). More precisely, the “second indicators” represent the information segments which the user selects “from among the information segments represented by the displayed first indicators.” Neither Katinsky nor Girouard teaches or suggests these limitations.

The combination of Katinsky and Girouard, as the Examiner suggests, merely adds another first region to Katinsky. There is still no “second region” for indicators representing selected information segments, from which the sequence in the “third region” is created.

None of the other cited art does so, either. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over the cited art.

Claim 20

Claim 20 also requires “displaying, in a second region of the display device different from the first region, second indicators representing the respective information segments selected by the user.” For the reason set forth above with respect to claim 1, neither Katinsky nor Girouard teaches or suggests this limitation. Therefore, claim 20 is also patentable over the cited art.

Claim 32

Independent claim 32 defines a method for presenting to a user media segments in an order selected by the user. Claim 32 requires “receiving from a user a request to perform a search and one or more search terms” and “searching a database in response to the request.” Claim 32 has been amended to require “displaying, in a first region of a first page of a display device, a plurality of first indicators each representative of a respective one of a plurality of information segments retrieved from the database that includes at least one of the one or more search terms” and “displaying, in a second region of the first page of the display device different from the first region, a list comprising at least a second indicator representative of at least one of the plurality of information segments selected by the user from the first region.” Claim 32 further requires

“arranging the second indicator with at least a third indicator displayed in the list in a sequence, the third indicator being representative of a second information segment” and “allowing the user to select the second indicator and change the position of the second indicator with respect to the third indicator in the sequence, to generate a selected order of the second and third indicators.”

Claim 32 has been further amended to require “displaying the list including the selected second indicators on a second page of the display device” and “allowing the user to generate a second list on the second page, the second list comprising fourth indicators selected by the user from among the second and third indicators in the list, displayed in a second order.” Claim 32 additionally requires “presenting the selected information segment and the second information segment according to the second order of the second and third indicators representative thereof in the second list.”

Support for the amendments to claim 32 is found in Fig. 7 and at pages 13-15, for example.

Neither Katinsky nor Girouard teaches or suggests “displaying the list including the selected second indicators on a second page of the display device,” as required by amended claim 32. Neither Katinsky nor Girouard teaches or suggests a “second page” on which is displayed the claimed “list including the selected second indicators.” As discussed above, while Katinsky discloses creating a “new play list box to create a new play list, the new play list box is not the same as the claimed “second page.”

Katinsky and Girouard also fail to teach or suggest “allowing the user to generate a second list on the second page, the second list comprising fourth indicators selected by the user from among the second and third indicators in the list, displayed in a second order,” as required by amended claim 32. While Katinsky allows a user to create a new play list in the new play list

box, the new play list does not contain indicators selected from the indicators in the first list, as claimed. In Katinsky, the user creates a new play list by selecting indicators from the outline, which is on the same page as the old and new play lists.

None of the other cited art teaches or suggests the combination of amended claim 32, either. Therefore, amended claim 32 and its dependent claims are, therefore, patentable over the cited art.

Amended claim 66

Amended independent claim 66 defines a method for providing a user with media segments in an order selected by the user. Amended claim 66 requires “storing a plurality of video files relating to a plurality of news topics in one or more databases,” and has been amended to require “displaying, in a first region of a first page shown on a display apparatus, one or more graphical markers representing respective news topics.” Claim 66 also requires “receiving from a user a selection of a graphical marker corresponding to a desired news topic,” and “searching the one or more databases to identify a plurality of video files associated with the desired news topic selected by a user.” Claim 66 has been further amended to require “displaying to the user, in a second region of the first page different from the first region, a respective descriptor of each of the identified video files” and “allowing the user to select, for placement into a third region of the first page different from the first and second regions, individual ones of the displayed descriptors.” Claim 66 has been further amended to require “displaying in the third region, in response to each selection of a descriptor, a first indicator comprising at least a respective text indicative of the video file corresponding to the selected descriptor, the first indicators being displayed in a sequence corresponding to an order in which

the descriptors are selected by the user” and “displaying, on a second page shown on the display apparatus, second indicators corresponding to the first indicators, the second indicators being displayed in the sequence.” Claim 66 has also been amended to require “allowing the user to arrange selected ones of the second indicators to create a second sequence, the selected second indicators being shown in the second sequence on the second page” and “presenting the video files corresponding to the selected second indicators in accordance with the second sequence.”

Support for the amendments to claim 66 is found at pages 13-15, for example and in Fig. 7.

Neither Katinsky nor Girouard teaches or suggests “displaying, on a second page shown on the display apparatus, second indicators corresponding to the first indicators, the second indicators being displayed in the sequence,” as required by amended claim 66. As discussed above with respect to claims 65 and 32, Katinsky does not teach or suggest the claimed “second page” at all. Thus, Katinsky cannot teach or suggest displaying, on a second page, “second indicators” corresponding to “first indicators” displayed on a first page, as claimed. Girouard merely displays search results, and does not teach or suggest displaying indicators on a “second page,” as claimed.

Because neither Katinsky nor Girouard teaches or suggests displaying the claimed “second indicators” on a “second page,” neither of these references teaches or suggests “allowing the user to arrange selected ones of the second indicators to create a second sequence, the selected second indicators being shown in the second sequence on the second page” or “presenting the video files corresponding to the selected second indicators in accordance with the second sequence,” either.

None of the other cited art teaches or suggests the combination of amended claim 66, either. Therefore, amended claim 66 is patentable over the cited art.

Claims 4-5, 16-18, 23-24, 49-50 and 57-5

Claims 4-5, 16-18, 23-24, 49-50 and 57-59 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Katinsky in view of Girouard in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,263,507 (“Ahmad”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 4-5 and 16-18 depend from amended claim 1. Claims 23-24 depend from amended claim 20. Claims 49-50 and 57-59 depend from amended claim 46. For the reasons set forth above, amended claims 1, 20, and 46 are patentable over the cited art. Therefore, claims 4-5, 16-18, 23-24, 49-50 and 57-59 are also patentable over the cited art.

VI. New Claim 79

New claim 79 depends from amended claim 32, and further recites “wherein no first indicators representative of respective information segments are displayed on the second page.” Support for new claim 79 is found in Fig. 7 and at pages 13-15, for example.

For the reasons set forth above, amended claim 32 is patentable over the cited art. Therefore, new claim 79 is also patentable over the cited art.

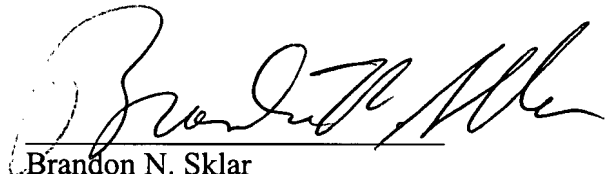
VII. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, each of claims 1-5, 9-10, 12-29, 32-41, 46-50, 52-66, and 68-79, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of these claims is requested and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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